

## **Chapter 10.16 DRIVING RULES**

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**10.16.0 10 Suitable driver's signals required and designated.**

A. No driver of a vehicle shall suddenly start, slow down, stop or attempt to turn without first giving a suitable signal in such a manner as to apprise others who might be affected by his action.

1. No person shall turn a vehicle from a direct course upon a highway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement or after giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in this chapter in the event any other vehicle may be affected by such movement.

2. A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

B. The signals required herein shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or signal device, but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that hand and arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear of such vehicle then said signals must be given by such a lamp or device.

C. All signals herein required by hand or arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

1. Left turn, hand and arm extended horizontally;

2. Right turn, hand and arm extended upward;

3. Stop or decrease of speed, hand and arm extended downward. (Prior code § 10.304).

**10.16.020 Starting parked vehicle.** No person shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing, or parked unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. (Prior code § 10.303).

**10.16.030 Driving from alleys, driveways or garages.** The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway or garage, shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a sidewalk, or across a sidewalk line projected across such alley, and shall exercise extreme care in driving upon the sidewalk or across such line. (Prior code § 10.305).

**10.16.040 Driving on sidewalks or safety zones prohibited.** No driver of a vehicle shall drive within any sidewalk area, except at a permanent or temporary driveway, nor at any time into or upon any portion of a roadway marked as a safety zone. (Prior code § 10.306).

**10.16.050 Vehicles to be driven on right side of roadway— Exceptions.** Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right-half of the roadway except as follows:

A. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;

B. When the right-half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair;

C. Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

D. Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic;

E. Whenever there is a single track paved road on one side of the public highway and two vehicles meet thereon, the driver on whose right is the wider shoulder shall give the right-of-way on such pavement to other vehicle. (Prior code § 10.3 13).

**10.16.060 Passing vehicles proceeding in opposite directions.** Drivers of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right and upon roadways having width for not more than one line of traffic in each direction each driver shall give to the other at least one-half of the main traveled portion of the roadway as nearly as possible. (Prior codes 10.314).

**10.16.070 Overtaking vehicles proceeding in the same direction.** The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions and special rules hereinafter stated:

A. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

B. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle. (Prior code § 10.315).

**10.16.080 Overtaking vehicles on the right.** A. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle which is making or about to make a left turn.  
B. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and, allowing sufficient clearance, pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction either upon the left or upon the right on a roadway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for four or more lines of moving traffic when such movement can be made in safety. No person shall drive off the pavement or upon the shoulder of the roadway in overtaking or passing on the right.  
C. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right on a one-way street on which traffic is restricted to one direction of movement where the roadway is free from obstructions and of sufficient width for two or more lanes of moving vehicles. (Prior code § 10.316).

**10.16.090 Limitations on overtaking on the left.** A. No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. In every event the overtaking vehicle must return to the right-hand side of the roadway before coming within one hundred feet of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.  
B. No vehicle shall in overtaking and passing another vehicle or at any other time, be driven to the left side of the roadway under the following conditions:  
1. When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway, where the driver's view is obstructed within sufficient distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction.

2. When approaching within one hundred feet of or traversing any intersection or railroad grade crossing.
3. Where official signs are in place directing that traffic keep to the right, or a distinctive centerline is marked, which distinctive line also so directs traffic as declared in the sign manual adopted by the State Department of Public Works and Buildings.
4. The limitations in subdivisions I and 2 of subsection B shall not apply upon a one-way street or upon a street with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two or more lanes of moving traffic in each direction when such movement can be made with safety. (Prior code § 10.3 17).

**10.16.100 One-way roadways — Driving around rotary traffic island.** A. Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated.  
B. A vehicle passing around a rotary island shall be driven only on the right of such island. (Prior code § 10.3 18).

**10.16.110 Yielding right-of-way.** Excepting as otherwise provided herein, the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle which has entered the intersection from a different highway; and when two vehicles are entering an intersection from different highways at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. (Prior code § 10.307).

**10.16.120 Required position and method of turning at intersections.** A. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:  
1. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.  
2. At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right-half of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof and by passing to the right of such centerline where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the centerline of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.  
3. At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable in \* the left lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.  
B. The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from a private road or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on the highway. (Prior code § 10.301).

**10.16.130 Vehicle turning left.** The driver of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which is within the intersection or so close thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard, but the driver, having so yielded and having given a signal when and as required, may make such left turn and the drivers of all other vehicles approaching the intersection from said opposite direction shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle making the left turn. (Prior code § 10.308).

**10.16.140 No left turn where prohibited.** It is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to turn left at any place where such turns are prohibited by ordinance. (Prior code § 10.311).

**10.16.150 Turning on crest of hill or curve.** No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to, or near the crest of a grade, where such vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction within five hundred feet. (Prior code § 10.302).

**10.16.160 Limitations on turning around.** It is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to turn such vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction unless such movement can be made in safety and without backing into traffic or otherwise interfering with traffic. (Prior code § 10.309).

**10.16.170 No U turns where prohibited.** It is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to make a U-turn at any place where such turns are prohibited by ordinance. (Prior code § 10.310 (part)).

**10.16.180 Backing vehicles.** The driver of a vehicle shall not back the same unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interference with other traffic. (Prior code § 10.335).

**10.16.190 Driving on roadways laned for traffic.** Whenever any roadway has been divided into three or more clearly marked lanes for traffic the following rules in addition to all other consistent herewith shall apply:

A. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

B. Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn or where such centerline is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction that the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of such allocation.

C. Official signs may be erected directing slow moving traffic to use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such sign. (Prior code § 10.319).

**10.16.200 Restricted access roadways.** No person shall drive a vehicle onto or from any controlled or limited controlled access roadway except at such entrances and exits as are established by public authority. (Prior code § 10.336).

**10.16.210 Speed restrictions.** A. Speed restrictions are as follows:

1. It is unlawful to drive any motor vehicle on any street not under the jurisdiction of the Illinois State Department of Public Works and Buildings, or the county, in an urban district within the city at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour or fifteen miles per hour in an alley;

2. It is unlawful to drive any vehicle on any highway outside the urban district at a speed of more than sixty-five miles per hour;

Provided, that if the mayor and city council by ordinance, set other limits as provided by statute (Chapter 95-½, par. 147), then such limits shall govern the rate of speed on the streets indicated in such ordinance. Appropriate signs shall be posted showing such speed limits.

B. The fact that the speed of a vehicle does not exceed the applicable maximum speed limit does not relieve the driver from the duty to decrease speed when approaching and crossing an intersection, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway or when special hazards exist with respect to pedestrians or other traffic by reason of weather or highway conditions; and speed shall be decreased as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person or vehicle on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

C. It is unlawful to drive any vehicle on any street or highway within the city under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Works and Buildings, or of the county, at a speed exceeding that lawfully set for such street. (Prior code § 10.322).

**10.16.220 Speed limits while passing schools.** No person shall drive, a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour while passing a school zone or while traveling upon any public thoroughfare on or across which children pass going to and from school during school days when children are present. Appropriate signs shall be posted to indicate this restriction. (Prior code § 10.323).

**10.16.230 Distance between moving vehicles.** A. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the Street.

B. The driver of any motor vehicle of the second division or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a street outside of a business or residence district shall not follow within three hundred feet of another motor vehicle of the second division or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to prevent overtaking and passing nor shall the same apply upon any lane specifically designated for use by motor vehicles of the second division.

C. Motor vehicles being driven upon any Street outside of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade whether or not towing other vehicles shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to

enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions. (Prior code § 10.340).

**10.16.240 Reckless or careless driving prohibited.** it is unlawful to operate any vehicle in the city in a reckless or wanton manner, or carelessly so as to endanger life or property. (Prior code § 10.3 21).

**10.16.250 Traffic not to be obstructed.** No vehicle shall be operated or allowed to remain upon the street in such a manner as to form an unreasonable obstruction to the traffic thereon. (Prior code § 10.324).

**10.16.260 Operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles.**

Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, when the driver is giving audible sign by siren, or bell, the driver of every vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway. (Prior code 10.320).

**10.16.270 Operation of vehicles near fire department vehicles and equipment. A.**

Upon the approach of a fire department vehicle, drivers of vehicles shall comply with the provisions of this chapter relating to the approach of authorized emergency vehicles.

B. It is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one on official business, to follow any fire apparatus in response to a fire alarm, closer than one block, or to park any vehicle within the block where fire apparatus has stopped to answer a fire alarm.

C. It is further unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to drive over any unprotected hose of the fire department without the consent of the fire marshal or the assistant in command. (Prior code 10.312).

**10.16.280 Unattended vehicles.** No vehicle shall be left unattended while the motor of such vehicle is running; and no vehicle shall be left without a driver on any hill or incline unless the vehicle is secured against moving.

Whenever any police officer finds a vehicle unattended upon any bridge or causeway or in any tunnel where such vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic, such officer is authorized to provide for the removal of such vehicle to the nearest garage or other place of safety. (Prior code § 10.326).

**10.16.290 Riding bicycles or motorcycles.** It is unlawful for more than one person to ride upon any bicycle propelled by human power upon any street, or for any person to ride upon any motorcycle other than upon a seat permanently attached to

the vehicle to the right or rear of the operator. (Prior code § 10.3 25).

**10.16.300 Clinging to vehicles prohibited.** It is unlawful for any person on any street riding a bicycle, motorcycle, or any toy vehicle to cling to or to attach himself or his vehicle to any moving motor vehicle or wagon. (Prior code § 10.328).

**10.16.310 Riding on running boards prohibited.** It is unlawful for any person to ride upon the fenders, running board or outside step of any vehicle. (Prior code § 10.330).

**10.16.320 Toy vehicles unlawful on roadway.** It is unlawful for any person upon skates, a coaster, sled, or other toy vehicle to go upon any roadway other than at a crosswalk. (Prior code § 10.3 29).

**10.16.330 Unattended animals to be securely fastened.** It is unlawful to leave any horse or other draft animal unattended in any street without having such animal securely fastened. (Prior code § 10.327).

**10.16.340 Railroad grade crossing procedures.** A. The driver of a vehicle approaching a railroad grade crossing when a signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a train, shall stop within fifty feet but not less than ten feet from the nearest track of such railroad and shall not proceed until he can do so safely.

B. The driver of a vehicle shall stop at and not traverse such grade crossing when a crossing gate is lowered or where a flagman, or automatic signal warns of the approach of a train.

C. The driver of any motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire, or any school bus carrying any school children, or any vehicle carrying explosives or flammable liquid as cargo shall stop such vehicle within fifty feet but not less than ten feet from the nearest rail of the tracks and shall listen and look in both directions along such tracks from which a train might come, before proceeding across such tracks at a grade crossing; provided, that no such stop need be made at any such crossing where a police officer or a traffic-control signal directs traffic to proceed. (Prior code § 10.33 1).

**10.16.350 Driving through funeral or other procession.** No driver of a vehicle shall drive between the vehicles comprising a funeral or other authorized procession while they are in motion and when such vehicles are conspicuously designated as required in this chapter. This provision shall not apply at intersections where traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals or police officers. (Prior code § 10.332).

**10.16.360 Drivers in a procession.** Each driver in a funeral or other procession shall drive as near to the right-hand edge of the roadway as practical and shall follow the vehicle ahead as close as practical and safe. (Prior code § 10.333).

**10.16.370 Funeral procession to be identified.** A funeral composed of a procession of vehicles shall be identified as such by the display upon the outside of each vehicle of a

pennant or other identifying insignia and by having the lights of each vehicle lighted. (Prior code § 10.334).

**10.16.380 Trucks prohibited on certain streets.** It is unlawful to drive any truck except for the purpose of making a delivery and then for one block only on any street so designated by ordinance and properly signposted. (Prior code § 10.337).

**10.16.390 Limited load streets.** Whenever the weight of vehicles permitted on a street is limited by ordinance and signs indicating such limitations are posted, it is unlawful to operate a vehicle in excess of such weight on such street, except for the purpose of making delivery or picking up a load, in which case such vehicle may be driven on such street for not more than the minimum distance necessary for the purpose. (Prior code § 10.338).

**10.16.400 Procedure upon meeting or overtaking school buses.** The driver of a vehicle on any street or highway upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on the bus a visual signal as required by statute for operation while the bus is transporting pupils provided, that the driver of a vehicle upon a street or highway of which the roadway for traffic moving in opposite directions are separated by a strip of ground at least four feet wide which is not surfaced or suitable for vehicle traffic, or on a controlled access highway where pedestrians are not permitted to cross, need not stop his vehicle upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on the opposite roadway. (Prior code § 10.339).